(b) Waiting list of applicants for various services, such as mobile, WLL, landline etc. are as under:—

Landline	—	536
WLL	—	078
Mobile	—	Nil

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) By 31st March, 2010

(e) The parameter "average time taken the clear the waiting list" is not maintained by BSNL. The waiting lists were cleared as per availability of equipment.

Mobile telephone services in rural areas

10. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether mobile telephone services have not been launched in many areas of Rajasthan, particularly in rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the reasons due to which Government has not provided this facility in such areas; and

(d) the efforts made by Government to provide this facility in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT): (a) and (b) All District Headquarters, Sub-Divisional Head Quarters, Tehsil, Headquarters and Block Headquarters have been covered with GSM based mobile services. The details indicating Secondary Switching Area (SSA)/district-wise number of total villages and number of villages covered with mobile services in the State of Rajasthan by Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL), Bharti Hexacom, Reliance and Vodafone as on 31.05.2009 is given in the enclosed Statement. (*See* below)

(c) The provision of mobile network, being capital intensive, is being done by BSNL and other service providers based on techno commercial viability of different areas. In addition, some areas, falling near International Border, are not covered with mobile services.

(d) The efforts made by the Government to provide Mobile Telephone services in rural areas during the current year as compared to previous year are given below:-

(i) To increase the wireless communication in rural areas, 403 Shareable Infrastructure Sites in Rajasthan for provision of mobile services in rural and remote areas, where there is no existing fixed wireless or mobile coverage, are being set up with subsidy support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) has been launched. Out of

these, 386 towers in Rajasthan have already been commissioned under this scheme as on May, 2009. The remaining towers are likely to be commissioned by September, 2009.

(ii) Second phase of the Mobile Infrastructure Scheme for setting up of 635 additional towers to cover the remaining uncovered rural and remote areas is likely to be launched shortly.

(iii) Sharing of infrastructure to reduce the capital as well as operation cost.

Statement

Secondary Switching Area/District-wise details of villages in Rajasthan having mobile Telephone facilities (as on 31.05.2009*)*

Sl. No	Name of SSA (Secondary Switching Area)/ District	Total villages	Villages covered with Mobile services			
			BSNL	Bharti Hexacom	Reliance	Vodafone
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Ajmer	1025	632	992	816	944
2.	Alwar	1954	1613	1866	1648	1851
3.	Bhilwara	1693	1107	1574	1237	1517
4.	Bikaner	712	289	667	387	428
5.	Barmer	1933	517	1306	866	979
6.	Bharatpur	2152	1383	1356	1318	1285
7.	Banswara	2330	1214	1360	907	1288
8.	Bundi	839	461	766	603	697
9.	Churu	946	398	936	696	754
10.	Chittorgarh	2038	1119	1763	1528	1729
11.	Jodhpur	1058	575	995	588	847
12.	Jhunjhunu	855	749	845	727	815
13.	Jhalawar	1477	789	1281	1268	11124
14.	Jaipur	2950	2298	2666	2769	1968
15.	Jaisalmer	600	125	416	177	156
16.	Kota	2064	1012	802	1426	687
17.	Nagaur	1480	915	1448	1082	1316

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
18.	Pali	936	535	875	704	745
19.	Sriganganagar	4603	2471	2750	3685	2332
20.	Sikar	986	720	976	776	942
21.	Sirohi	1152	622	348	312	347
22.	Sawai Madhopur	1626	1111	706	1184	653
23.	Tonk	1032	521	1023	847	922
24.	Udaipur	3312	1719	1672	1917	1518
25.	Baran	—	—	969	—	826
26.	Dausa	—	—	694	—	979
27.	Dhaulpur	—	—	658	505	701
28.	Dungarpur	—	—	706	533	795
29.	Hanumangarh	—	—	1763	—	1474
30.	Jalor	—	—	660	419	577
31.	Karauli	—	—	647	—	621
32.	Rajsamand	—	—	791	—	834
	TOTAL:	39753	22895	36277	28925	32651

Tax holiday to IT Industry

11. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken a decision to continue tax holiday to the IT Industry under the STPI scheme, which is due to expire in March, 2010;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SACHIN PILOT): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from the Ministry of Finance and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Fake mobiles

12. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state: